

Beaconhill Primary School Newsletter



Week beginning 7th June 2021

June SMSC Theme – Reflection

We believe giving children time to reflect on their experiences, work and marking (verbal and written) is critical to them making the most from their learning experiences. This month's theme reiterates the importance of reflection. The American psychologist and educational reformer John Dewey said: "We do not learn from experience ... we learn from reflecting on experience."

Children will learn;

- exercises and activities that aide reflection and time for thought,
- to reflect and comment on their own work and experiences in an effective way that helps them progress,
- to understand the importance of reflection and thinking time to aid good decision making in their everyday lives for example, at school, at the beach and when play,
- to appreciate reflection as a means to improvement.

"Reflection is part of learning and thinking. We reflect in order to learn something, or we learn as a result of reflecting, and the term 'reflective learning' emphasises the intention to learn from current or prior experience" (Moon 2004).

COVID Update

Please continue to observe the strict drop off and collection arrangements, and ensure sensible personal distancing and mask wearing on site. Our 1-way pedestrian system will be in place until further notice, throughout the whole school day. Please do not take offence if you are challenged by a member of staff as systems are in place to protect all site users.

Please also be aware that we have begun a period of intense catch up- do not book holidays, or take long weekends during school time- pupils are already greatly disadvantaged due to COVID closures, and further time away from school will compound this.

A number of children are returning to school talking about trips away when parents have reported them as ill. This is not in the spirit of home-school partnership and undermines the importance of good school attendance. Disappointingly, some children tell us "I'm not allowed to say where we went".

Sunny Days!

Now that the weather has improved, please ensure your child has a hat (preferably with a neck flap for the beach school visits) water bottle and suncream each day. Please also check that sweatshirts and cardigans are named, as children remove/lose them regularly at this time of year.

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Transition Day

This will be on July 1st, when pupils will spend time with their new class teacher as shown below.

Nursery	Miss Andrews
Reception	Mrs Robinson
Year 1	Mr Shepherd
Year 2	Miss Wilkinson
Year 3	Mrs Stoddart
Year 4	Mr Robinson
Year 5	Mrs Williams
Year 6	Miss Dobson

Miss Gallon (Y1/Y2) Mrs Mason (Y3/Y4) and Mr Gray (Y5/Y6) will cover teacher release and deliver COVID catch up interventions.

Mrs Carrick will have a non-class based role next year.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Robinson has been appointed as 2nd Deputy Headteacher with effect from September.

Sports Day 2021

Due to COVID restrictions this has morphed into sports week! During the week of 28th June classes will complete activities separately and results will be collated to determine winners etc. There will be facebook posts at the end of the week to share the fun with families.

Behaviour in the Community

There have been complaints made to school about large groups of children playing in abandoned buildings locally. Please keep track of where your children are playing out, as these buildings are not safe places to play.

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